

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 44, line 14, with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~Figure 10 shows~~ Figures 10a and 10b show a PRETTYBOX alignment of amino acid sequences of the maize D8 polypeptide with, the wheat Rht polypeptide the rice EST sequence determined by the present inventors and the *Arabidopsis thaliana* Gai polypeptide.